

# Thesis Abstract

The proposed program is intended to be implemented with respect to the existing conditions and the potential for the existing conditions to change over time allowing for greater density to occur within the urban fabric, rather than clearing the site and treating it as a blank canvas. At the same time, the program will allow nature to return into and flourish in an area that was once viewed as a **therapeutic natural retreat** from city life and has since become a prime example of bad urbanism. The main focus of the proposed program is that of the sustainability of water with the use social implementations of natural water treatment systems to return the chemically treated stuff of pipes, H<sub>2</sub>O, into the natural memorable water of dreams. This focus will have secondary results of greater environmental impacts above and beyond the benefits of improved waters.

It is intended that the program will implement a base network of systems that exist today or are being developed for use in the near future, which will allow for continued growth and development of the site harmoniously with nature. The interpretative center and **urban water park** components of the program are intended to be catalysts for the transformation of the site. The interpretative center is an educational facility that will change and grow with the times, continuing to morph its components into the **built** and **natural environments** as the site transforms from a sea of impervious parking and big box strip shopping into a natural urban landscape with increased density and a reconnection of the urban fabric that is currently divided by this island of parking.

The intended “final product” will show the proposed program at three different phases; the present (now -10 years), the near future (25-50 years), the distant future (75-100 years).

*“Water is selfless, extremely transformable, full of surprises both quiet and powerful, and yet remains the reliable carrier of life for all organisms. Its untarnished beauty and elementary power where regarded with respect in many cultures, admired and revered in religions and mythologies. Today we rediscover its fundamental value an essential role in environment, climate and life of this planet.”*

*~ Atelier Dreiseitl website*

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